

Will Erect \$20,000 Spud Store House

Grant Grain & Elevator Company to Guarantee Market For All Sweet and Irish Potatoes That Are Raised Here.

Announcement is made this week by the Grant Grain & Elevator Company that that firm will commence within sixty days the erection of a plant adjoining its new elevator near the depot, for the exclusive use of storage for sweet and Irish potatoes. The plant will cost about twenty thousand dollars and will accommodate approximately thirty thousand bushels of potatoes.

The firm has exclusive rights for the county of a process for storage of potatoes patented by J. B. Wells, a successful potato grower of Longview, Texas, and the patentee's brother, J. E. Wells, of this city, is to be associated with the firm in the potato business.

Under the plans of the patented process, large quantities are kept in perfect condition in storage for long periods of time through a process of varying temperature and ventilation, and the promoters of the process here believe that the process gives the problem of keeping potatoes.

Following the erection of the plant, the company will guarantee a market for all the sweet potatoes and Irish potatoes that can be raised in the county, and insure a ready market for whatever sized crop is produced. In East Texas similar plants have had the effect of stimulating potato growing to the extent of practically revolutionizing farming, and yields run from 200 to 400 bushels per acre on a kind of loose, white, sandy land.

It is pointed out by members of the firm that a dollar a bushel for

sweet and Irish potatoes make them two or three times better as a money crop than any other crop grown here, and that the chances for a good yield are fully as certain as any other.

The planting cost is slightly greater than for cotton, for instance, but the culture of either sweet or Irish potatoes is comparatively less expensive and more easily handled. Under the plans of the company, our farmers may plant large plots of either variety, save all they need for home use, and turn the rest into ready money in the fall.

Build New \$3000 Bridge Over Blue

Local Business People Subscribe to One-Third of the Total Cost. New Structure Will be of Great Benefit to Traffic.

What will be among the largest and best of the steel bridges in the county is to be erected immediately across Blue River half way between the towns of Armstrong and Blue, at a cost of approximately three thousand dollars, and which will probably benefit the traveling public more than any other single bridge in the county, for in the eleven miles between Armstrong and Blue there is not a single bridge over the river, and people on either side of the river between these points are forced to make wide detours to get to the other side. Of the cost the county will pay \$2,000, and local merchants the other \$1,000, which was subscribed yesterday in a couple of hours.

County Commissioner Ed Spear says the steel span of the bridge will be about 70 feet long and that fully 200 feet more will be taken up by the approaches.

All Food Dealers Attend Meeting

125 Merchants From Over County Discussed Food Situation Here Wednesday.—Rules are Being Adhered to.

At the call of County Food Administrator Sam W. Stone, 125 merchants of the county handling food and food products met here Wednesday afternoon at the offices of the Commercial Association to discuss the food situation. Only two or three dealers in the county were absent, and with one exception the absentees were away owing to illness.

In discussion of the problems that confront the dealers it developed that sales of flour and sugar are less than one half that of normal sales, and that sales of corn meal, hominy and other substitutes are more than double the normal output. It is also deduced from statements of those in attendance that all dealers are doing their utmost to live up to the regulations in letter and in spirit.

Short talks were made at the meeting by Attorneys V. B. Hayes and Chas. E. McPherson along the lines of the merchants' patriotic duty. Administrator Sam Stone explained the details of the regulations and put squarely up to each dealer just what is expected of him.

Mr. Chambers, title attorney for the Wichita Federal Farm Loan Bank, who was here at the time, attended the meeting, and at the request of Mr. Stone explained briefly the workings of the farm-loan plan and its benefits to the farmer.

Short talks regarding the War-Savings Stamps were also made by County Chairman Frank H. White.

General Pershing reports ten men killed and twenty-two more or less seriously wounded in fighting on March 1.

Twenty Days For Food Campaign

All Who Failed to Sign Pledge in the First Round Will Have One More Opportunity to Show Their Patriotism.

Under instructions from the Food Administration there is to be another intensive food pledge card campaign made in this county from the 10th of March until the 1st of April for the purpose of giving those who didn't sign the pledge on the last round an opportunity to do so, and plans for the campaign are now being made by the county committee, consisting of Mrs. W. A. Durant, county chairman, E. M. Evans, county manager, and R. K. McIntosh, member of the committee.

The plan of the campaign is like that of the other effort. Every person will be asked to sign his or her name at the bottom of a card or on a petition pledging themselves to food conservation, and that each one may know what sort of conservation is expected, home cards will be issued to each signer of the pledge, and when the cards are all sent in, window cards designating each signer as a member will be sent each signer for display in the window of the home.

Window cards and home cards have already been mailed each signer in the former campaign, but any who have not received them will be asked to sign again. In handling many thousands of names errors can not be kept out, and there are doubtless signers in this county who have not received their cards.

Workers will go in pairs, and are instructed to report the name and address of any person refusing to sign the pledge, with reasons given, if stated, and a permanent record will be kept of all such, after every opportunity has been given them to sign.

deceased had lived in Durant many years and accumulated a small fortune by operating hamburger stands at various locations on Second avenue, and was known to almost everyone in the county who has had occasion to trade in Durant. His last stand was in a small building erected by himself at the rear of the Kimbriel drug store on South Second. A few days before his death Mr. Wolford purchased \$1,000 worth of War-Savings Stamps, the maximum amount that one person can own. He had no family, but leaves a mother and one brother.

Examining Board Called 250 Men

List of Men to be Examined for Service the First Five Days of Next Week is Published in This Issue.

The local exemption board has sent out notices to 250 men to appear during the first five days of next week to be examined for military service under the selective-service law. The men ordered to report are as follows:

March 11, 9 a. m.
Ludwig Schmoeller, Durant.
George W. Collins, Bokchito.
Joel J. McGahey, Bokchito.
John Nathan Sharp, Calera.
Marshall Jackson, Wade.
John Thomas Carter, Bokchito.
Ben Pittman, Colbert.
Lemuel Eargle Fite, Durant.
Percy Edward Dane, Durant.
John W. Dane, Durant.
John W. Tyler, Durant.
Marion Reynolds, Durant.
Walter Viets, St. Louis, Mo.
Leonard Shultz, Shamrock.
Thomas J. Price, Durant.

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War-Savings Bank to Sell W.S. Stamps

Miniature Bank 12x16 Feet in Center of Main Street; Doesn't Make Loans or Take Deposits, But Borrows for the Government.

Durant has a new bank—one that doesn't receive deposits and doesn't loan money—but one that borrows money—nothing else—in behalf of the United States Government. The bank's principal and only business is the selling of Thrift Stamps and War-Savings Stamps, and at every hour of the day some man or other is in the cashier's cage taking in the quarters and dollars for Thrift and Savings Stamps.

The War-Savings Bank, size 12x16, is to be a miniature bank in every particular, save that instead of being built on a business lot like other banks, it is given preferred position and built in the very middle of Main street between Second and Third avenues. The material for the bank was furnished free by the lumbermen, hardwaremen and others; the carpenters donated their work free, as also did the painters; the electricians donated the wiring, and the light company is furnishing the juice for the lights, also free of cost.

The men who operate the bank donate their time as well. At every hour of every day some man is on the job to sell the baby bonds. No man of them is paid a cent for his time, and therefore the time is divided among several men, each of whom agrees to furnish one day's time during the week, and in this way the institution is operated.

The War-Savings Bank is the plan of County Chairman Frank White, who, with the co-operation of Mayor Frank Hynds, succeeded in putting it over.

Your Spring Coat Or Suit is Ready--Now

Coats at \$9.75,
\$11.85, \$14.95,
\$19.50, \$24.50,
and up

Suits at \$14.95,
\$17.50, \$24.50,
\$37.50 and up.

Dresses at \$9.75,
\$11.85, \$19.50,
\$27.50 and up.



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Food Lecturer Here Thursday

Everett Colby, Fresh From the Trenches in Europe, Will be in Durant March 14, and Talk of Food Conservation.

Through the efforts of the Food Administration, Everett Colby, just returned from the trenches in Europe, will lecture here on Thursday afternoon, March 14, at the Colonial Theatre at about 4 o'clock. Mr. Colby will arrive on the southbound Flyer that day, and the uncertainty of train schedules makes the hour of the lecture uncertain until the day.

Mr. Colby is to be here to tell us of things we don't know but need to know about the food situation, not alone as it affects civilian life at home, but as it affects American and Allied soldiers in France.

He will also have some thrilling things to tell us about conditions of modern warfare—which we likewise know little or nothing about. There will be no admission charge and the public is invited to attend.

A night attack on American positions in the Chemin des Dames sector Thursday found the Americans ready, and the Germans were forced to flee for their lives, after losing a number of dead and several prisoners. American casualties were not announced.

Have you started a Thrift Card?

Another Test Well Starts This Week

F. P. Corrick Spuds in on Emerson Place Southwest of Mead, Half a Mile From the Blue Bell Well.

F. P. Corrick this week spuds in on a new test well for oil on the Emerson James farm in section 31-6-2, a half mile west of the Blue Bell well and Gas Company's well number one on the Farris farm southwest of Mead. All machinery, casing, and a rotary drilling outfit is ready to go, and an ample supply of water is available. Mr. Corrick says, to carry out the project.

The plans contemplate drilling to a depth of two thousand feet if necessary to strike oil in paying quantities.

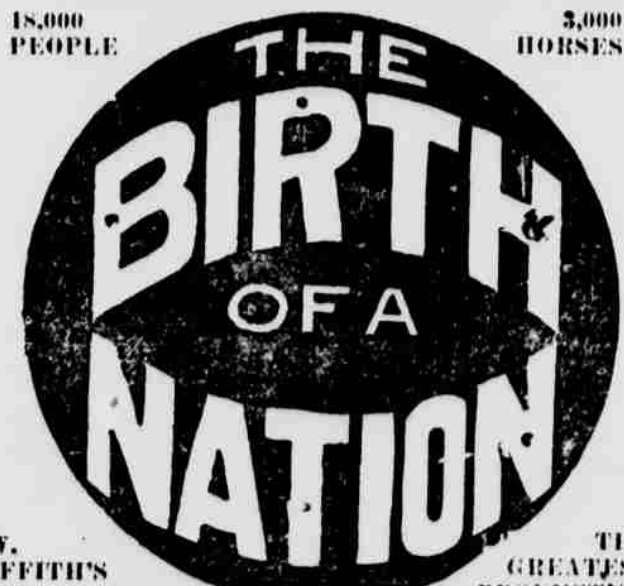
Round Up Anarchists.—The Government plans immediately rounding up all anarchists in the United States. Advocates of sabotage and disturbances will be deported. The action is the result of slowing up of the Pacific Coast shipbuilding program due to I. W. W. influences. Some 55,000 men are believed included in this category.

Get a War-Savings Certificate.

O. B. WOLFORD DEAD

O. B. Wolford of this city died at the Sherman hospital Wednesday, after a brief illness with pneumonia, at the age of 69 years. The de-

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